after due consultations with all parties concerned.

Guidelines to States for Combating Commul Menace

1617. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued comprehensive guidelines to all the Chief Ministers/Lt. Governors for combating communal menace in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the said guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines, inter-alia, cover such aspects as the collection of intelligence, taking of preventive actions, immobilisation of anti-social elements, control and regulation of processions, use of loud-speakers, formation of district integration/Ekta Committees, action on illegal possesssion of arms, setting up of Special Courts, management of essential services, etc., and relief and rehabilitation measures to be taken up after the riots.

Associated Gas Produced in Assam

1618. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of associated gas produced on-shore in Assam during the period from 1970 to 1994;

(b) how much of the produced gas was flared and its value;

(c) what steps are being taken to utilise this gas;

(d) whether inspite of the flaring, Fertilizer Units of HFC and Assam Petrochemicals are facing acute gas shortage; and

(e) whether revival of gas based sick units as above where human and financial resources are already sunk in, is not getting the priority from ONGC and OIL; if so, the reasons therefor, and if not, the reasons of the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The required particulars are given in the statement (*see* below).

(c) ONGC and OIL are setting up necessary compression and transportation facilities to bring flaring down to the technically minimum level.

(d) The current supply to HFC, Namrup is around 0.9 MMSCMD against the allocation of 2.21 MMSCMD and the supply to Assam Petrochemical 0.11 MMSCMD against the allocation of 0.14 MMSCMD.

(e) The important reasons for the shortage of gas include the following:—

(i) Most fields have entered the declining phase in production.

(ii) Frequent disruptions in power supply.

(iii) Environmental problems leading to delays in development projects, etc.